

## TRIBUTE TO WADE KING

**HON. JACK METCALF**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, Wade King was a 10-year-old boy from my district who was killed on June 10th when a gasoline pipeline ruptured and exploded in Bellingham, Washington. I submit this letter written by someone who knew him very well, into the RECORD as a memorial to him.

## A LETTER FROM WADE

Dear Mom & Dad, Sis, Bro, Lynn, Jessica, Grandma Dorothy and all:

I wanted you to know I arrived safely. Jesus met me and led the way. This is an awesome place. I asked him what happened and he told me a gas pipeline ruptured and exploded in the park, filling the creek where Steve and I were playing. I told him I thought that was a dumb place for a pipeline, and he said something like we humans still have a problem with foresight, whatever that means.

Anyway this place is just out of sight, and guess what, I don't have any burns and no pain, and all they tell you about Jesus is true. He loves us all and said he'd take care of you, Mom and Dad, and everyone else back in Bellingham.

I can't make up my mind what I like best about this place, because time doesn't matter; we can sleep when we want, eat when we want and the food is fantastic; you know how I like food, and sports are always being played. This morning Steve and I counted at least 12 baseball diamonds with games going on at all of them; some of the greats were playing—that DiMaggio guy and Mickey Mantle. I guess they were pretty good, weren't they Dad? And by the way I got to watch the Mariners on Saturday—way to go guys. I knew we could beat those Ferndale guys. It was a special hook-up because they knew how important this game was to me.

Mom, I hope you're not too sad, or mad at me: I know I've caused a lot of people to be sad, but tell everyone I'm fine, especially all the kids and teachers at Roosevelt. My education will continue; I have a lot of stripes to earn before I become an angel—can you imagine that? Me, and angel? Yeah, I know I can hear you all laughing, "Wade with wings?" Just imagine that—but you can bet I'm going to be the best angel possible.

Tell my 4th grade Sunday school class at St. Paul's that they should study the Bible: it has all that really matters in life; that will be my biggest task along with all the regular subjects.

I want you to know, too, how special a send-off you and Father John gave me at Harborview—to have you there gave me the strength to face the darkness until Jesus came for me.

I miss you all very much, and Jesus told me how much you all miss me, and then he pointed out that we can always replay the tapes of our lives to remember those special moments. Then he reminded me of the time he said, "I am with you always." Well, he said the same is true of us—I will be with you in spirit forever, just as Jesus is with you. I gave Jesus a high five when he reminded me of that;—he is a cool guy.

You know we touched each other in life: I touched you and you touched me. Each of you went into making me who I am, and I'd like to think I helped you be who you are. If that is so, then I continue to live in you and you live in me.

Finally, thank you for celebrating my life today; it is special to know how much you

are loved; I know I'm one very much loved boy and I love you all, too. Jesus says that is the key to life—loving each other. Remember his commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you."

I love you all,

WADE

*Amen.*

## TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JAN RUDMAN

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, throughout towns and cities across our nation there are individuals who are willing to step forward to dedicate their talents and energies to making life better for their friends and neighbors. The citizens of Corona, California, are fortunate to have such an individual in outgoing Mayor Jan Rudman.

Mayor Rudman's involvement with Corona city government, and community, began in 1994 when she was first elected to the Corona City Council. As a councilwoman she represented the community's concerns, set priorities for projects and plans of action, allocated funds, and made decisions essential to the future of Corona. Her energy seems endless, with the long list of her business and community involvements including: Circle City Rotary, 1993 Mayor's Task Force, Navy League, Corona Chamber of Commerce and First Congregational Church.

In 1998, the Corona, recognized her leadership and commitment and elected her mayor. Since then, she has accomplished many goals which have improved the community. One of her greatest accomplishments as mayor was the implementation of the "Partners in Community Service" program, implemented to recognize the many volunteer groups and organizations who have given back to the Corona community so graciously.

Mayor Rudman has made a lasting and positive impact in the Corona community. Her involvement and leadership has established a path for those individuals following in her footsteps. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Rudman for her dedication, influence and involvement in our community. She has served as an outstanding representative of municipal government. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate Mayor Rudman for the outstanding job she has done as Mayor of Corona.

TRIBUTE TO J. THOMAS DE BRUIN  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 19, 1999, Mr. J. Thomas De Bruin of West Long Branch, NJ, will be honored on the occasion of his retirement from the State of New Jersey's Office of the Public Defender, after 31 years of distinguished public service.

Mr. De Bruin served as a police officer in West Long Branch from 1967 to 1970. In Oc-

tober of 1970, he began working at the Public Defender's Office in what would prove to be a long and impressive career. From 1991 until his retirement, Mr. De Bruin was a Chief Investigator, and since 1995 he has been the Supervisor of the Polygraph Unit. He has been a certified polygraph examiner since 1982. His professional memberships include: the New Jersey Polygraphists, Inc., since 1983, and Past President 1997-98; the American Polygraph Association since 1986, including service on the Membership Committee 1998-99; and the Public Defenders' Investigators' Association of New Jersey, 1971-91.

Mr. De Bruin was also very active in community affairs. He served on a number of commissions and bodies in his home town of West Long Branch, including: the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Sport Association, the Recreation Commission and the Historic Society. Mr. De Bruin is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Old First United Methodist Church. He has served as Director of the West Long Branch Little League and as Treasurer of the Public School PTA. He has been a Webelos Leader of the Cub Scouts of America, and President of the Shore Regional High School Quarterback Club. He was a Manager/Coach of the first championship season of the West Long Branch Lions of the Seaboard Bigger League in 1971. Mr. De Bruin has also served as Musical Director of the Asbury Park and Red Bank Area Chapters of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

Tom De Bruin resides in West Long Branch with his wife Louise. They have two adult sons, Brian and Dominick, and a daughter-in-law.

Mr. Speaker, the Office of the Public Defender will be much the poorer with Mr. De Bruin's departure. But I am confident that Monmouth County will continue to benefit from his commitment to service and dedication to our community for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE B.  
SALTER**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Chicago's unsung heroes, the late George B. Salter. His untimely death on October 24, 1999 will truly leave a deep void in our community.

Mr. George B. Salter was born in Hickory, Mississippi on October 13, 1916 to the union of Sallie Johnson Salter and Frank Salter. Mr. George B. Salter would later marry his high school sweetheart Louise Lucille Stroter. To this union two daughters were born, Brenda Yvonne Salter and Henrietta Louise Salter.

A Navy veteran, Mr. George B. Salter committed part of his life to protect the freedom of Americans and to further fight for the freedom of others around the world. While in the Navy Mr. George B. Salter was a member of the prestigious Navy band playing the trumpet while stationed in Earl, New Jersey.

Mr. George B. Salter was employed for over 40 years by the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad (presently Burlington Northern